

# A Photographic History of the Smith Family

Volume 2

Valentine William Smith

&

Albert Jean Matelena

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Nº 2: DeCou Village

The photographs in this volume begin and end with Valerie – they trace the family from 1960, the year of her 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, to 1969, the year of her prom. The growth of the family continues with the addition of Melissa in the middle of the decade.

These photos document the maturation of the family as the oldest children head into adulthood and their own lives while the youngest is a toddler. They show the family as the ebullient '50s became the turbulent '60s – though that difference is nowhere evident in these pictures. What is not seen – the loaded shotgun behind the bedroom door, the periods of months that Billy's career took him away from Trenton – is overshadowed by what is seen – the 1<sup>st</sup> Communions, the days at the Jersey shore. Often the story can be told through a pictorial history, other times, it can not.

Alberta Jean Matelena: February 4, 1929 – December 6, 1971

Valentine William Smith: July 12, 1924 – June 19, 2006

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Valerie's 1<sup>st</sup> Communion – April 1960

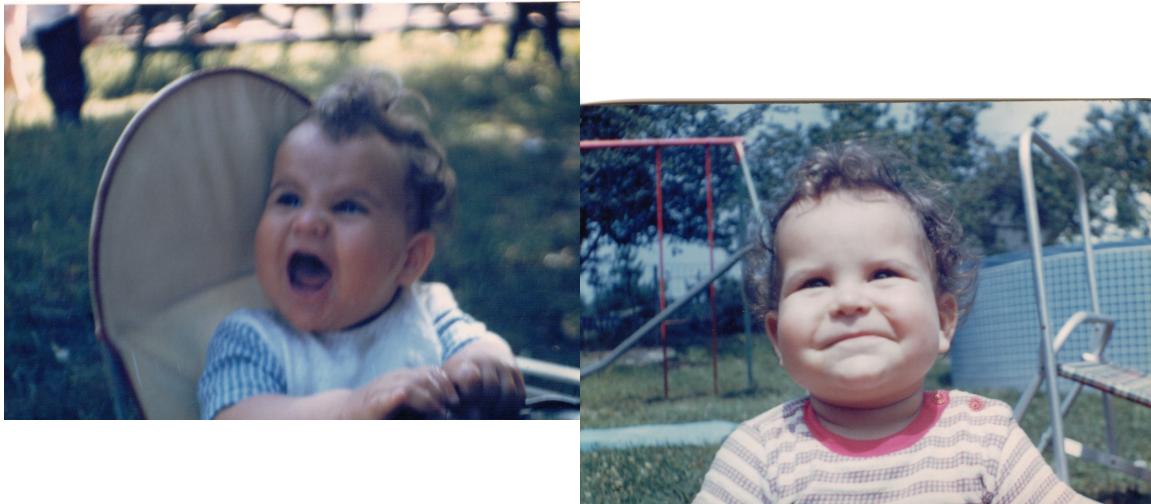


June 1960



June & July 1960 Brian A. Smith





Aug. 9, 1960

Brian A. Smith

1<sup>st</sup> Birthday





Oct. 1960 Valerie

Nov. 1960 Brian





Christmas 1960



Aug. 9, 1961

Brian's 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday



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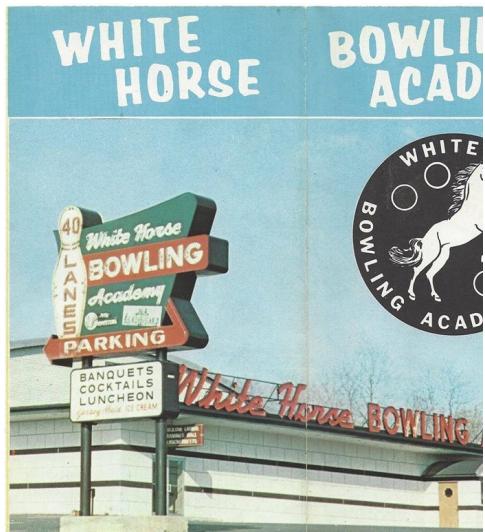
**ALL NEW HORSES IN MOTION**

See

- DRACULA
- FRANKENSTEIN
- WEREWOLF

Oct. 1961

Valentine, Bob, Val, Craig,  
Alberta & Brian Smith



March 25, 1963 – Craig's Confirmation



Julie, Stephen, Louis &  
Theresa Makrancy

Alberta Nana, Craig, Kathryn

April 14, 1963



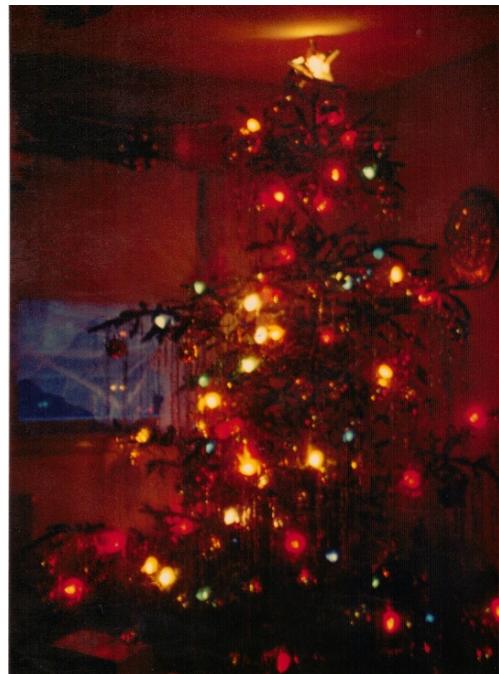
Bob, Brian and Valerie Easter

Christmas 1963  
with Nana at the Dayton House





Christmas 1964





March 1965

Valerie's Confirmation



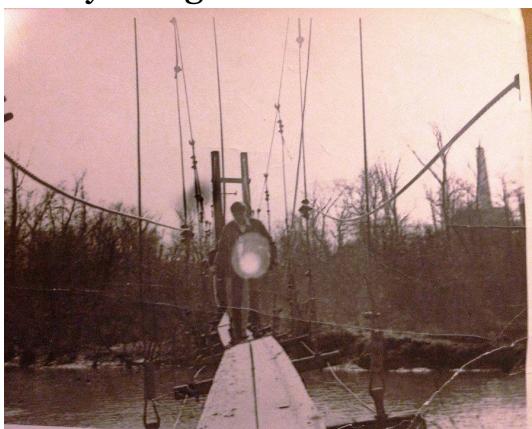
June 1965



Summer 1965  
Pool was installed 1962



Shaky Bridge



Valentine's summer attempt at owning a business at 1835 South Broad Street





Sept. 1965

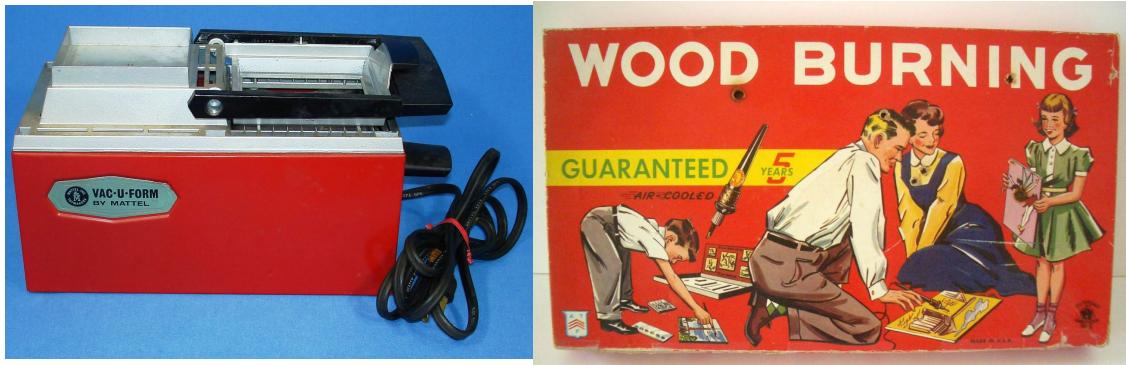
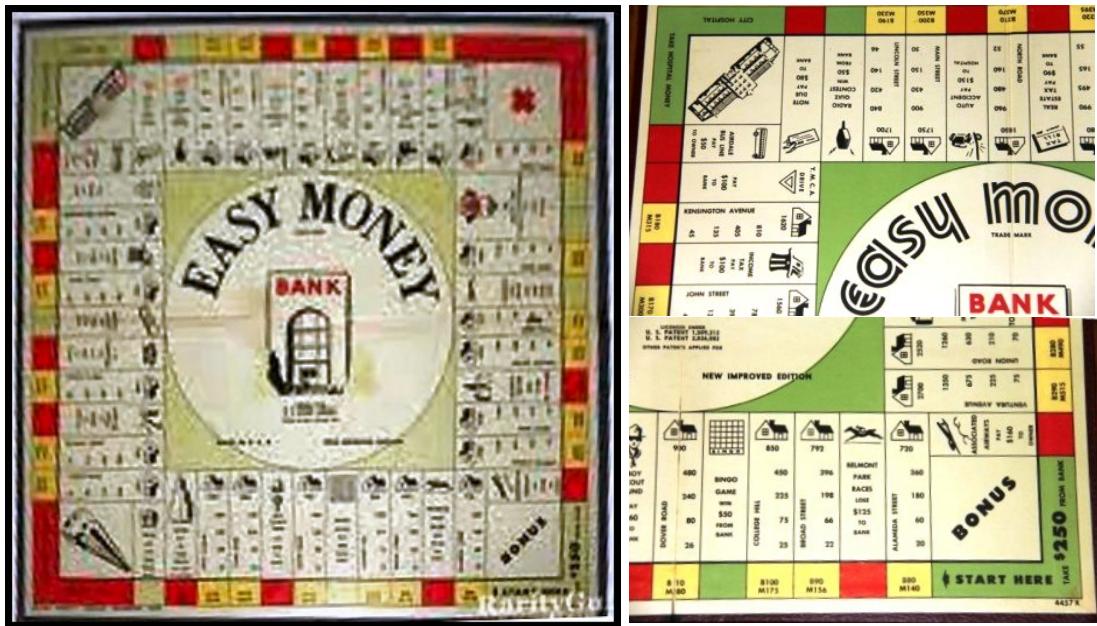
Jack Smith visit

Dayton St.

David & Craig Smith  
Anne Turner, Jack,  
Nana, Mary holding  
Shannon Finnegan, ?,  
Diane Finnegan,

Front: Bob, Val, Brian  
& Terri Smith







Halloween 1965

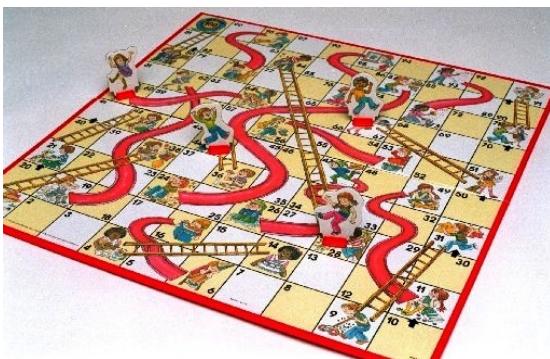


Brian on Cass St. (Uncle Joe & Aunt Pats)



Dec. 31, 1965

Val, Bob & Brian

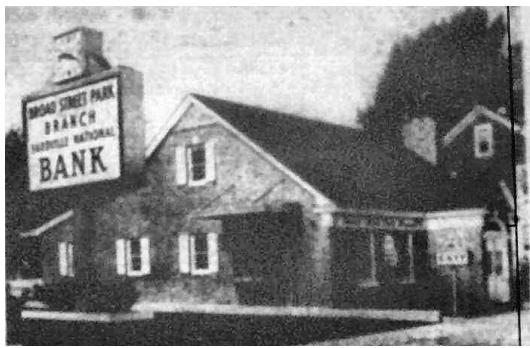


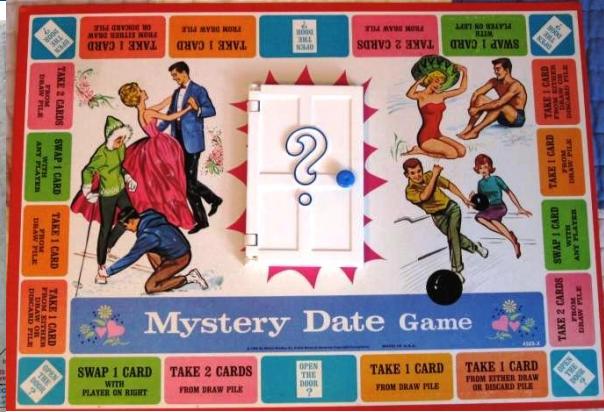
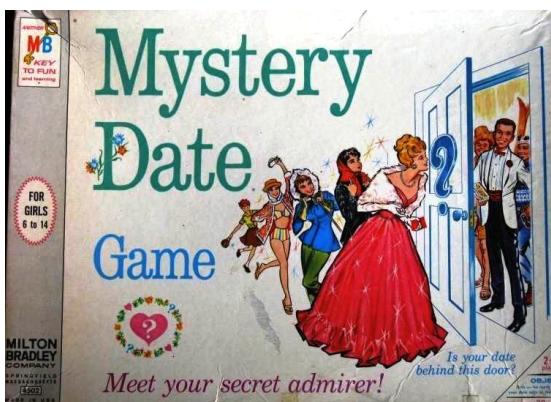
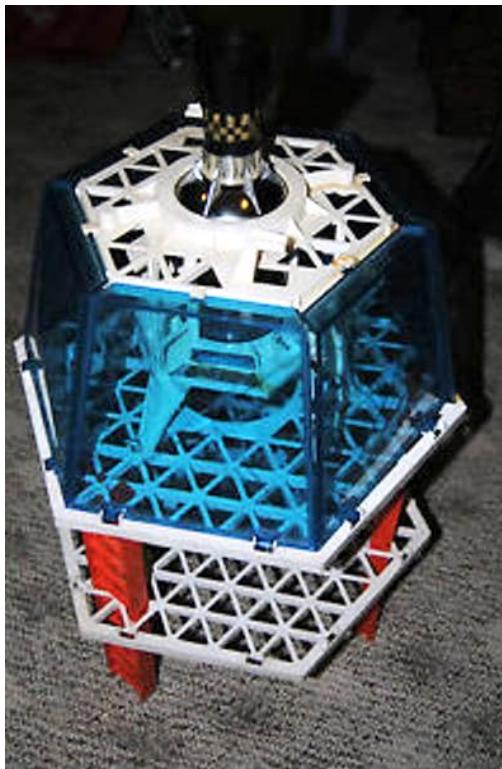


Melissa Dorothy

2 weeks old

March 26, 1966





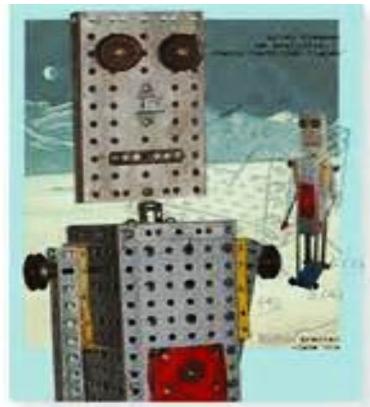
April 1966

Melissa's Baptism



Eileen Smith  
(Godparents were Uncle Joe & Aunt Pat)

1966  
Brian - 6 yrs.  
Melissa - 3 weeks old  
Eileen - 25 yrs.



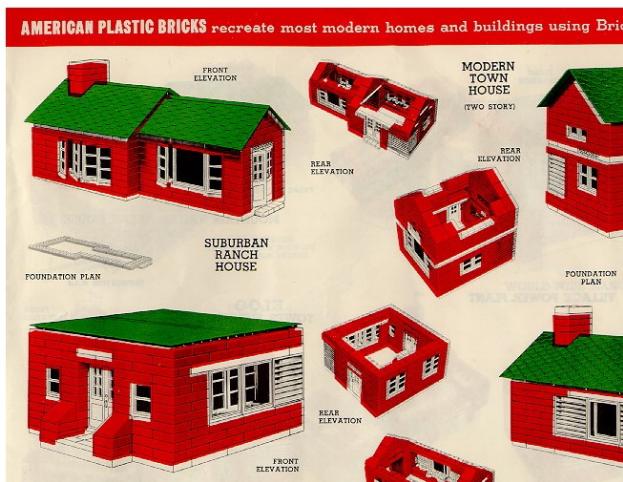
April 1966 – Florida trip (stills from movie)



April 1966



November 1966





Jan. 1967

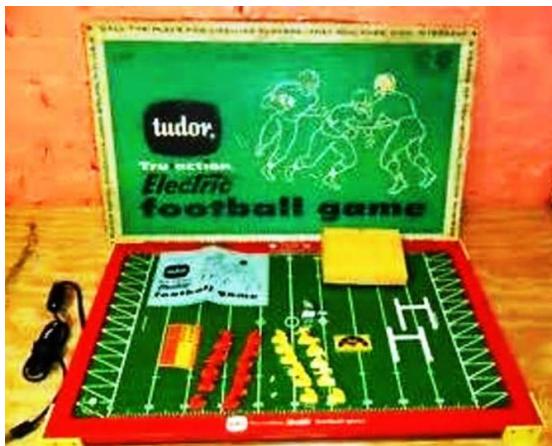
March 1967 Brian's 1<sup>st</sup> Communion





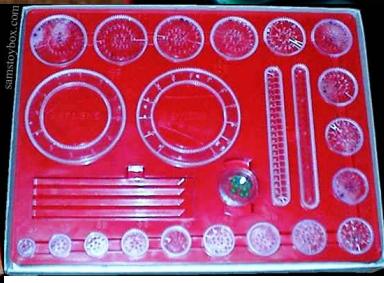
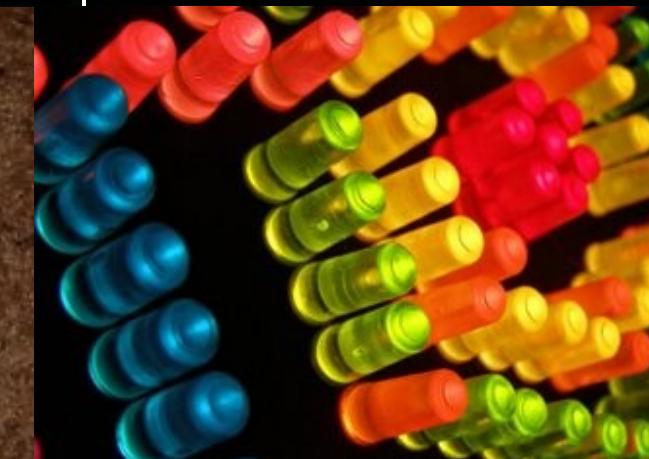
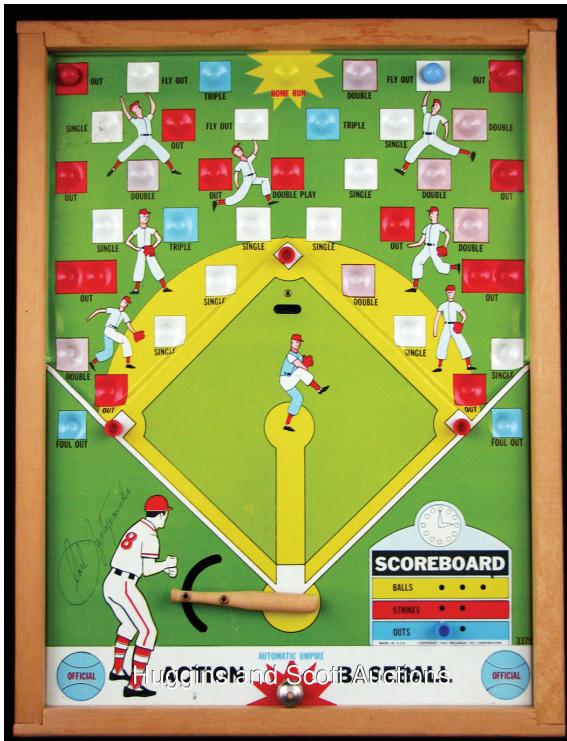
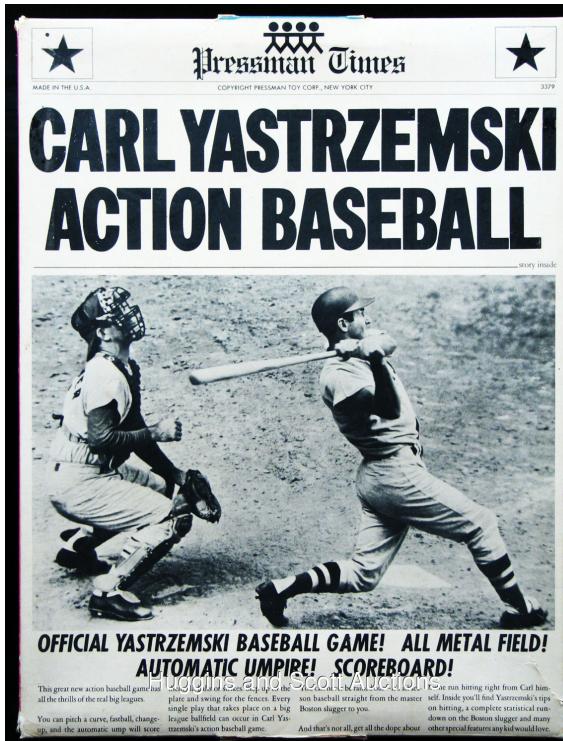
Melissa's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

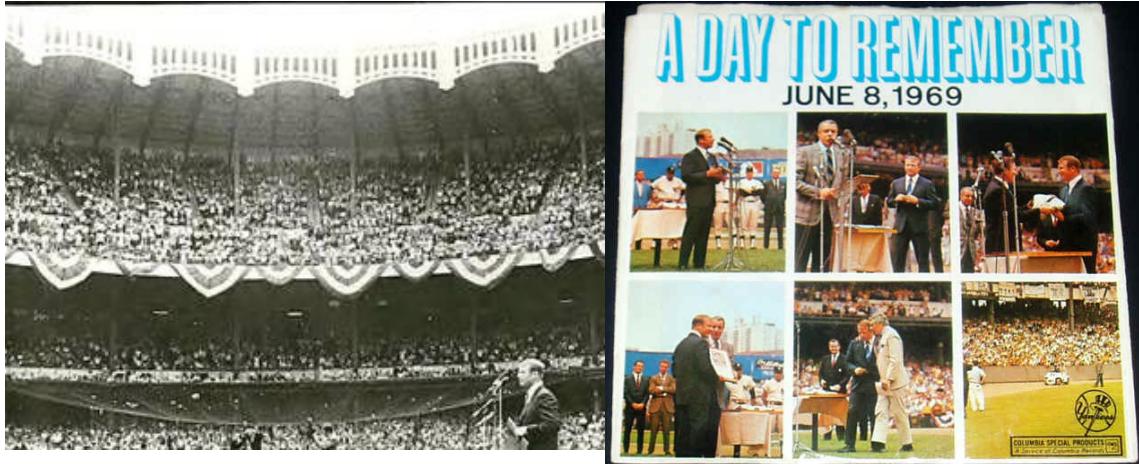
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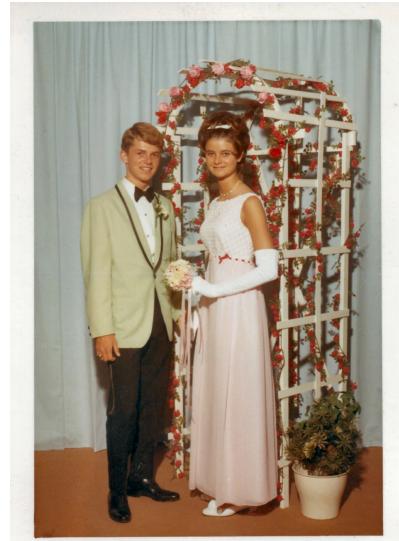
Oct. 1968







Nov. 1969 Valerie's Prom  
with Kenny Moore



Eileen & Valerie's cross-country trip



